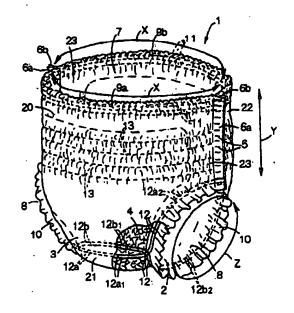
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waist region 20 so that a front peripheral edge portion 9a of a waist-opening 7 defined by the front waist region 20 lies at a longitudinally lower position than that of a rear peripheral edge portion 9b of the waist-opening 7 defined by a rear waist region 22.

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